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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ALLIS-CHALMERS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REF: BAGHDAD 1201

1. ALLIS-CHALMERS (A-C) BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND WIVES DEPARTED BAGHDAD FOR JIDDA ON SCHEDULE MORNING OF SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND. DIRECTORS WERE UNABLE TO MAKE ANY OFFICIAL CALLS (MINISTERS WERE TIED UP WITH OTHER HIGH-LEVEL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT DELEGATIONS). GROUP, HOWEVER, AT PRIVATELY HOSTED DINNER NOVEMBER 20 DID MEET AND HOLD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH KEY OFFICIALS--INCLUDING UNDERSECRETARY OF IRRIGATION AND PRESIDENT OF STATE ORGANIZATION FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT (SOAD). AT COCKTAIL-BUFFET HOSTED NOVEMBER 21 BY USINT PRINCIPAL OFFICER, DIRECTORS AND WIVES MET LEADING REPRESENTATIVES OF RESIDENT US AND EUROPEAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY AS WELL AS PROMINENT IRAQI BUSINESSMEN AND PROFESSIONALS. DIRECTORS WERE ABLE TO HOLD SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH MANY OF THESE INDIVIDUALS.

2. IN ADDITION TO ACTIVITIES REPORTED ABOVE AND REFTTEL GROUP ALSO VISITED IRAQI MUSEUM, KDERBALA AND BABYLON.

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3. AS A RESULT OF THESE CONTACTS, A-C CHAIRMAN DAVID

SCOTT HAS TENTATIVELY DECIDED RETURN PERSONALLY TO IRAQ  
IN JANUARY 1976 TO PURSUE NUMBER OF TOP-PRIORITY LEADS  
BROUGHT TO HIS ATTENTION DURING VISIT BY PRESIDENT OF  
SOAD AND BY OTHERS. MR. SCOTT REMAINS DETERMINED TO OPEN  
A-C OFFICE IN BAGHDAD AS SOON AS IT CAN BE ARRANGED.

4. COMMENT: IRAQIS AND AMERICANS ALIKE WHO MET GROUP  
WERE VERY FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY WARMTH AND FIRENDLINESS  
OF DIRECTORS AND WIVES, WHO, IN TURN, APPEARED TO FIND  
THEIR STAY IN IRAQ ENJOYABLE AND INSTRUCTIVE. WE JUDGE  
VISIT TO HAVE BEEN SOLIDLY SUCCESSFUL BOTH FROM A-C  
PERSPECTIVE AND FROM BROADER VIEWPOINT OF CONTINUALLY  
IMPROVING US-IRAQI COMMERCIAL RELATIONSHIPS. A-C BOARD  
NOW BETTER INFORMED ON BOTH OPPORTUNITIIES AND HAZARDS OF  
DOING BUSINESS IN IRAQ. WILEY

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